

B. R. T. 'GOUGED' CITY HEAVILY, SAYS MOSS

Brings Out Before Thompson Inquires Excessive Prices Paid for Property.

P. S. C. SANCTIONED SALES

Samuel Cederstrom, real estate expert of the Public Service Commission, told the Thompson legislative committee yesterday about half a dozen real estate transactions with subsidiary companies of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company which revolved about the \$1,000,000 credit allowed by the city to the B. R. T. in connection with a right of way through the company's yards at Thirty-eighth street, Brooklyn. In some of the deals mentioned in this Cederstrom figured and recommended lesser payments than those demanded by the various companies. He was overruled by the Public Service Commission.

President Theodore P. Shonts of the Interborough was expected to testify, but Senator Thompson learned that Mr. Shonts had gone to Atlantic City and would not be available. Mr. Shonts, he explained, understood that he would not be wanted by the committee until next week. So Senator Thompson issued a request that the Interborough head appear on Monday morning at 10:30 o'clock.

The controversy between Senator Thompson and his former stenographer, Miss Virginia E. Valva, delayed proceedings for about an hour while the senator and Miss Steinbrink, the young woman's counsel, conferred about her bill for \$2,937, which the committee believes exorbitant. As a result of the conference, Senator Thompson announced that he had received no exhibits and the record from Miss Valva and that Frank Moss, the committee's counsel, and Mr. Steinbrink would get together on a reasonable amount to be paid for Miss Valva's services.

Mr. Cederstrom read from his reports on five real estate deals in which the city and the B. R. T. or its subsidiaries figured in connection with the execution of the dual subway contracts. From his testimony it appeared that charges which he deemed exorbitant on the part of the railway companies frequently were allowed by the commission. He maintained that the commission probably considered other elements than the value of the property from a real estate standpoint only and in several of the cases cited agreed to the charge in order to save costs of construction or condemnation proceedings.

Mr. Moss, reading from a resolution of the Public Service Commission relative to certification of charges by the various division heads under the commission, asked Mr. Cederstrom if it were not a fact that a great many items were charged specifically to construction, which were never examined. Mr. Cederstrom said he did not know; that he never read the particular resolution in his life. The resolution stated that certification might be made without examination "unless suspicion was aroused or the amounts were large."

Details of Five Transactions.

The five transactions about which Mr. Cederstrom testified were these: 1. A five-year lease of property at Second avenue and Thirty-eighth street by the South Brooklyn Railway Company to the New York Municipal Railway Corporation. In the proposed lease the rental was \$10,000 a year until the land was filled up and \$12,000 a year thereafter. Mr. Cederstrom said he recommended to the commission that \$8,000 be paid for the land in question was worth. His recommendation in this case was accepted.

2. A proposed lease by the New York Municipal Railway from the South Brooklyn company of a lot of land at Eighth street for five years at \$2,000 a year. Mr. Cederstrom said he took it up with Secretary Huntington of the South Brooklyn company and recommended \$2,000 as a reasonable price, which was accepted by both companies, at a saving to the city of \$117,000 for the five years. Mr. Cederstrom said he did not have much trouble bringing the price down.

3. Acquisition of property by the city from the Transit Development Company, a B. R. T. subsidiary, so that the city could run a sloping earth cut instead of building a walled out for subway tracks. The Transit Development company had previously acquired 28 per cent of the land needed, and the price for the whole tract was \$150,000. Mr. Cederstrom reported that the land from a real estate standpoint was worth only about \$10,000, but the commission agreed to the \$150,000 charge.

Both Mr. Moss and Senator Thompson were exercised about this deal, although Mr. Cederstrom explained that if the city had to build the walled out it would cost about \$300,000. In reply to a question the witness said that the commission probably took into consideration the cost of building the wall and therefore approved of the \$150,000, which he had reported was excessive. He added that if condemnation proceedings were instituted the property would have cost the city probably more.

"All these deals related to the Thirty-eighth street cut for which the B. R. T. got \$1,000,000, didn't they?" asked the senator.

"This is in addition to the \$1,000,000," said Mr. Moss.

Asks if City Was Gouged.

"Well, don't you think the B. R. T. gouged the city in getting this extra \$1,000,000?" asked Senator Thompson of the witness.

"My investigation," said Mr. Cederstrom, "shows that no one in the B. R. T. or the Transit Development company benefited by any exorbitant prices which were asked."

"That saving of construction costs was all to the railroad, wasn't it?" "No, I would not say that."

4. Purchase of property by the New York Municipal Railway from the Nassau Electric Railway at Seventh avenue and Thirty-eighth street, Brooklyn, for \$125,000. Mr. Cederstrom reported that that price was excessive; that \$7,000 was a fair basis. He testified that the B. R. T. refused to accept that and consequently condemnation proceedings were instituted.

5. Acquisition by the city of a mile of line on Stillwell avenue from the Nassau Electric Railway by a 100-year lease, \$200,000 to be paid immediately, and \$100 a year thereafter. Mr. Cederstrom took issue on the terms of this proposition and recommended that the city build a line of its own instead. He testified that the original figures were accepted by the commission "with some reduction."

Senator Thompson and Frank Moss are expected to announce today a program of future hearings before tomorrow. The committee's preliminary report to the Legislature will be made publicly on Monday night. Next week the committee expects to hear from George W. Young, Mr. Shonts and probably Mr. Morgan.

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Composite model of taffeta and gabardine, illustrated at the extreme right. 1/4 effect coat with flaring hip cut on circular lines. Ruff collar with over-lay of white faille; three-button model lined with Peau de Cygne. Skirt with taffeta panels shirred at hips. Colors—navy, beige, rookie and black. \$27.75
Cape Collar Sport Suit of lustrous satin Georgette cloth, in shades of ciel blue, seves blue, rose and white. Wide girdle, large pockets, deep cape collar and self covered cartridge buttons, as illustrated at extreme left. Circular skirt, cut full, with high girdle and self covered buttons. \$42.75
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